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SUBJECT: RAW SEWAGE AND CANADIAN UNITY

1. HIGH-VISIBILITY UTTERANCES BY TRUDEAU, LEVESQUE AND OTHER
PROMINENT FIGURES MAY GET MOST PUBLICITY, BUT FEDERAL/PARTY
QUEBECOIS (PQ) BATTLE GOES ON AT ALL LEVELS WITH SKIRMISHING
OVER MATTERS AS MUNDANE AS SEWAGE TREATMENT.

2. FEDERAL NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION (NCC), QUEBEC GOVERN-
MENT, AND OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO
JOINED IN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF 123
MILLION DOLLAR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN HULL, QUEBEC. LARGE
PORTION OF COSTS TO BE PAID BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

3. SUCCESSFUL LOW-BIDDER ON INITIAL SEGMENT OF CONSTRUCTION
WAS OTTAWA COMPANY. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, QUEBEC INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS MIN CLAUDE MORIN ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO
CALL NEW TENDERS IN KEEPING WITH "BUY QUEBEC" PURCHASING POLICY
ON JOBS OVER 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS. MORIN REPORTEDLY CLAIMED
POLICY WAS NOT PQ INITIATIVE, BUT DATED FROM 1961. WHATEVER
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SOURCE OF THIS POLICY, NCC CHAIRMAN PIERRE JUNEAU WOULD HAVE NONE
OF IT AND WITHDREW NCC REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PENDING CLARIFICATION OF QUEBEC POSITION.

4. COMMENT: THIS HASSLE PROVIDES GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW RELATIVELY
MUNDANE MATTERS TEND TO GET CAUGHT UP IN LARGER ISSUE OF
FEDERALISM VS SEPARATISM. SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IS ALREADY

THREE YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE AND, AS MORIN AND JUNEAU ARGUE
POINTS OF HIGH PRINCIPLE, RAW SEWAGE CONTINUES TO FLOW INTO
OTTAWA RIVER.
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